

**POLICY BULLETIN
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

FDCH 02-11

January 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Area Eligibility for Family Day Care Homes

CONTACT: Kalleen Russell

PH: (801) 538-7686

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Act of 2010 was signed into law by the President on December 13, 2010. The Act modifies the requirements for using area eligibility data to make tiering determinations for family day care homes participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

This amendment allows family and group day care homes to be classified as tier I for purposes of reimbursement under CACFP if the home is located in an area served by any school in which at least 50 percent of the enrolled children are certified eligible for free and reduced-price school meals. Previously, only the enrollment of the local elementary school could be used to determine tier I eligibility. This provision is retroactively effective to October 1, 2010.

The expanded eligibility information for all schools is attached to FDCH 02-11 bulletin. Sponsors organizations are required to re-evaluate the classification of all tier II homes and reclassify homes that now qualify for tier I using the expanded school data. Homes reclassified as tier I using the expanded school data may be eligible to receive higher tier I reimbursement rates for all meals served from October 1, 2010 to the day of reclassification as a tier I home.

Sponsoring organizations must submit amended claims for reimbursement for October, November and December 2010 to the State agency by February 28, 2011. Beginning with the January claim, all claims should be submitted on their normal schedule.

